

This is ridiculous. I am an XM subscriber and, just as I subscribe to Cable TV and watch the Weather Channel, I would like to do the same when I am in my car. Frankly, I most often use XM for Traffic & Weather when I am in an area with which I am not familiar. I should not be disallowed an invaluable tool by broadcasters for whom I am, otherwise, a non-entity (and who, for me, are not clear alternatives to XM for this kind of service).

This sets a dangerous precedent; What other services available by subscription will I be disallowed next? Instant News? Particular musical choices? The newest music? Will I be forced to listen to advertising?

Like I said above, this is truly ridiculous and something that, I'm sure, was considered when the Sirius/XM duopoly were established (and why such a large corporate broadcast entity as ClearChannel is involved in this broadcast medium).

Honestly, the reason why I chose to spend my hard-earned money to gain access to XM broadcasts was because I was deeply disappointed by the quality of broadcast over commercial radio, with choice shrinking (and broadcasters dictating to me what I can or cannot find on the radio dial). If not for that, I wouldn't be subscribing to XM. Now, these same entities who have controlled what I could listen to have decided that, literally, I should not have that choice AT ANY COST? Amazing...

Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 in support of fulfilling radio's potential through this new technological medium.

Thank you
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